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**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-HQ-2019-001289, Interim Response No. 1**

Dear Ms. Snider:

1. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, identified above, dated November 8, 2019, requesting all correspondence, including emails and text messages, among officials of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Defense, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) relating to ATSDR's draft toxicological profile for Perfluoroalkyls. This includes correspondence to or from: EPA Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator Nancy Beck, EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator Richard Yamada, Office of Management and Budget Associate Director for Natural Resources James Herz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety & Occupational Health Maureen Sullivan and ATSDR Director Patrick Breysse.

This is the first interim release for this FOIA request.

2. DISPOSITION

Partial Grant.

3. DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS

Fifty-five records have been found to be responsive so far. Eleven records are being released in full. Twenty-three records are being withheld in their entirety, and twenty-one records released with redactions. Information has been redacted in accordance with Exemption 5, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) (Predecisional/Deliberative) and Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) (Personal Privacy).

4. COST INFORMATION

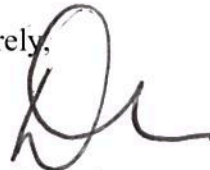
There are no costs to you associated with this request.

## 5. APPEAL RIGHTS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone, (301) 837-1996 or (877) 684-6448; or fax, (301) 837-0348.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please contact Ms. Rebecca Clausen, ORD FOIA Officer, at [clausen.rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:clausen.rebecca@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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